

BRIEF NOTE

EUCHLOE OLYMPIA, A BUTTERFLY NEW TO OHIO¹

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The olympia marblewing, *Euchloe olympia* is hereby added to the Ohio butterfly list (Albrecht 1982). It was collected at Lake Vesuvius in Lawrence Co., Ohio, on 28 April 1984. At 1539 EST, I collected a male *E. olympia* behind campsight 34 on the southeast side of the lake, the first specimen recorded for Ohio. Ten minutes later I collected a second specimen, also a male, in the same location. Both butterflies were flying south over a hilltop in a roughly straight line about one meter above the ground.

In the eastern United States the adult of the species is found from April to May. It has one generation each year and hibernates as a pupa. The larva is reported to feed on several kinds of rock cress (Clench and Opler 1983). The species *Arabis laevigata*, common throughout unglaciated Ohio, has been reported in Lawrence Co. (Cusik and Silberhorn 1977). *E. olympia* lives in isolates which range from Ontario, and in southern Pennsylvania, down the Appalachian mountains and across West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, parts of Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, and up through Illinois, Indiana, and into Wisconsin and Michigan

(Clench and Opler 1983). Large numbers are reported to be found in the dunes along Lake Michigan and Lake Huron (Wagner 1977). In Ohio the butterfly should be looked for in neighboring Scioto and Gallia Co., although the Lawrence Co. specimens represent the present Ohio range of the Appalachian isolate.

The two specimens of *E. olympia*, along with a third male specimen taken by my son, Bram, on 29 April, are in the private collection of the author.

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